

ADVENTURES IN LEADERSHIP

We held our first Adventures in Leadership program last weekend and it was an outstanding success. Thank you for sending Malcolm Smith and Geoffrey Rooney Campbell!

We had planned for 40 participants, but with the strong support of Rotary clubs across District 5050, we were soon full and had many candidates on a waiting list. After some last minute cancellations, we ended up accepting everyone on the wait list and had 53 participants. With a short weekend program from Friday evening to Sunday noon, we knew that we had to accomplish a lot in a short period of time.

The participants very quickly became strongly enthusiastic and active participants. Three of our speakers were former RYLA participants, close to the ages of the Adventures participants, and each of them ran their programs as if they were experienced professional speakers. In addition, we had Judge Leo Nimsick and Sal Abbott - both of whom have been volunteer speakers for Rotary youth programs since before these participants were even born.

We also informed them about Rotary and our youth programs and had great interest in both Interact and the Youth Exchange programs. DG Larry Stinson visited and spoke to the group, as did DGE Wayne Wiebe and DGN Jane Helten.

The participants were excited, energized and strongly supportive of the program, based on both their participation and the feedback forms that they completed at the end of the weekend.

In fact the Adventures program was so well received by our Rotary clubs, the schools and the participants, that the Committee has decided that we will run it annually in February, rather than in the fall, as originally planned. Therefore, there will be no Adventures program in October, 2009, and we will advise you of the February 2010 date once we have confirmed it.

I want to give my personal thanks to all of the members of the Adventures Committee who made this possible. Starting with PDG Gary Hollick, who brought the concept to our District, to Nita Stanyer Hollick who made all of the arrangements with Camp Alexandra, and to Sarah Matheson, Graham Thomson, Frank Jarvis, Sal Abbott, Darren Mumford and the loveable Ray Paquet, who all worked so hard to make this happen.

Thanks also go to our youth leaders or facilitators who did the actual running of the event, with assistance from Rotarians - especially our Head Facs, Teresa Murphy and Tim Knorr, who sat on the Committee and organized their team of 10 Facs.

We hope to see even greater success next year, with your club's support. Incoming Presidents, please include both Adventures and RYLA in your budget for next year and look for those leaders in waiting to send. Those young leaders are all around you - at work, school and in the community.

Just as strangers are friends you have not yet met, young people are leaders who have not yet been given their opportunity. Give that opportunity to the youth of your community.

On behalf of the Committee, the Fac team and the 53 energized, optimistic and grateful participants: Thank you!

Sean Hogan
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MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

INVOCATION

Mar. 3	Ken Paterson	Mar. 10	Dave Rempel
Mar. 17	David Riddell	Mar. 24	Gord Robson



Please bring any prospective members or people interested in finding out more about "Rotary Membership". The Club will pay for "guest lunches" (one per member!), March 10th only.

David Riddell and Alphonse Seward are in charge of organizing this meeting. Contact either one of them, if you have any suggestions etc. Please help us to make this a successful "Membership Drive" and let's see everybody bring one guest to this meeting!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 4: Jim Coulter

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Sean Hogan – RYLA

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: New Member Drive

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar. 10	noon	New Member Drive	
Apr. 4	8am / 2pm	District 5050 Assembly	Kwantlen University, Surrey
May 28-31		District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park – Chilliwack

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$698.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 31 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

As our Guest Speaker was a no show, Mike Davies and Ineke Boekhorst filled in.

Mike gave a talk on preparing for emergencies. There were three main points in event of an emergency:

1. Emergency Kit - have a kit ready that you can just grab and go. The kit should be able to sustain you for a 72 hour period.
2. Destination - if you have to leave, know where you are going. Make prior arrangements with family or friends, otherwise you'll end up in an emergency shelter with very little personal space.
3. Contact number - as the phone lines get easily jammed during an emergency, have a contact person outside of the area that can be your contact point. This should be a number where family and friends can call for updates.

Mike advised that we should all review our insurance policies, especially condo dwellers. He advised that insurance does not cover the time out of your suite if your unit isn't damaged or effected, even if you cannot access your suite.



Ineke then gave a presentation on the Shelterbox Village project. She advised that she is working on getting the high schools and Scouts to participate in an awareness program for Shelterbox. The plan is to get 12 Shelterboxes sponsored, and set up the tents in the Memorial Peace Park for a period of 72 hours starting May 9th and culminating with a pancake breakfast on Mothers' Day.

The students/Scouts would camp out over the weekend using the supplies that come with the Shelterboxes - tents, cooking apparatus, etc. After the weekend event the Shelterboxes would be available to be shipped to a disaster area.

In order to make this project happen, Ineke needs the participation of both Clubs. She needs 12 Rotarians per night to stay with the kids in the tents, volunteers during the day and sponsors for the 12 Shelterboxes at \$1,200 Canadian each (which also covers the cost of shipping to disaster areas).

The Shelterboxes are stocked to service 10 people for a minimum of 6 months. The program works so well as the Shelterboxes are sent to Rotarians within the disaster area for distribution.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

HERE'S ANA FROM MEXICO

Hi everyone! How's it going?

I'm very sad because I was planning a trip to Maple Ridge this summer!!, but unfortunately I won't be able to go this year, but I'm going next summer instead!!
I'm looking forward to see you all again! I think of you and the Tuesday meetings all the time!!!

So besides that bad news, I'm really happy because I'm going to university this Fall! I'm going to study Textil Design!!! and for that I'm moving to Puebla, which is the city where my parents were born, and it is only 3 hours away from Oaxaca.

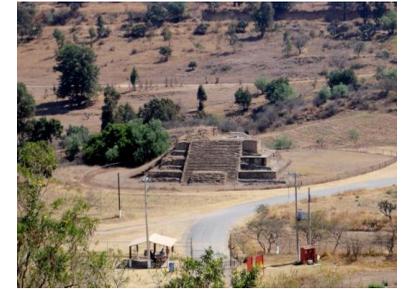
My sister's married and she's living there with her husband and my boyfriend lives there as well. By the way, my boyfriend and I have been together for a year now!! :D

My dad's building a new house for us. I think I'm moving there next week I'm excited about that too, even though I'm not going to enjoy it for too long because I only have 4 months left in Oaxaca!

My mom told me that I can have a puppy when I go to Puebla! I guess she doesn't want me to be all by myself! So I think I'm getting a bobtail!!

I'm attaching some pictures of a place called Cacaxtla, it is close to Puebla. Cacaxtla is an archaeological area where a civilization called Olmeca-Xicalancas lived! I'm doing a paper for school about it so I went to check it out and get more information. I think it's a beautiful place!!
Hope you enjoy the pictures as much as I enjoyed being there!.

Enjoy your lunch guys!! Love
Ana Castillo



HOCKEY NIGHT IN VANCOUVER

Last Friday a busload of members from our Club and the Haney Club went to see a Canuck's game in Vancouver.

It seemed they had a good time, at least this future Rotarian.

The trip meant the world to Edward (David Riddell's son).

END POLIO NOW



A number of iconic landmarks, including the British Parliament, the Coliseum, and the Sydney Opera House, provided a dramatic backdrop for an equally dramatic message: **End Polio Now**.

Those three words -- Rotary's pledge to rid the world of the crippling childhood disease -- were projected onto each structure's exterior the week of 23 February, the organization's 104th anniversary.

